

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of the claims indicating the current status of each claim and including amendments currently entered as highlighted.

1 - 45. (Canceled)

46. (Previously Presented) A method for image-based matchmaking of a searcher and prospective candidates, the method comprising:

- (a) providing an image of each of the candidates;
- (b) analyzing said image of each the candidates to define physical characteristics;
- (c) storing said physical characteristics;
- (d) selecting at least one potential match between the searcher and said candidates based on said characteristics;
- (e) providing at least one referee by the searcher, and
- (f) specifying a gender of said at least one referee.

47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, wherein said providing an image of each of the candidates is accomplished by filling out a form.

48. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 47, wherein said form is a questionnaire.

49. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 47, wherein said form is filled out by the subscriber to a system based on said matchmaking method.

50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, wherein said analyzing said image includes quantification of said physical characteristics.

51. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 50, wherein said analyzing of said physical characteristics is carried out according to a degree of likeness.

52. (Previously Presented) A method for image-based matchmaking of a searcher and prospective candidates, the method comprising:

- (a) providing an image of each of the candidates;
- (b) analyzing said image of each the candidates to define physical characteristics;
- (c) storing said physical characteristics;
- (d) selecting at least one potential match between the searcher and said candidates based on said characteristics;
- (e) providing at least one referee by the searcher, and
- (f) providing information on the searcher by said at least one referee.

53. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52, wherein said information is selected from the group of information consisting of verbal and written information.

54. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52, wherein said information is a recommendation of the searcher.

55. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52, wherein said selecting is performed using at least one pre-defined selection criterion.

56. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 55, wherein said selecting is performed by a computer.

57. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 57, wherein said at least one pre-defined selection criterion includes a criterion of like physical characteristics between the searcher and the prospective candidates.

58. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 57, wherein said at least one pre-defined selection criterion includes a selection criterion based on correlative data on matching preferences.

59. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 57, wherein said at least one pre-defined selection criterion includes at least one selection preference obtained from the searcher.

60. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 55, wherein said image is constructed from a set of physical appearance information of one of the candidates.